

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting – August 17, 2020
MINUTES

Brian Mackie, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on August 17, 2020 on a remote Zoom virtual meeting.

Present:

Commission Members:

Victor Fitz
Karen Gray Sheffield
Robin Hornbuckle
Brian Mackie

Staff Members:

Jessica Averill, Policy Analyst
Shalonna Banks, S.A.F.E./Comp. Analyst
Michael Bobbitt, Secretary
Debi Cain, Director of Victim Services
Emily Ely, Compensation
Jeremy Hagerman, Mass Violence Coordinator
James McCurtis, CVSC Manager
Lore Rogers, Staff Attorney
Janine Washburn, Compensation Program Manager
Katherine Bennet, Assistant Attorney General

Introductions were made by the Commissioners members. Mr. Mackie provided an overview of the Crime Victim Services program and explained how the remote Zoom meeting would proceed.

Approval of Agenda - Ms. Hornbuckle, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Fitz and Ms. Gray Sheffield voted to approve the August 17, 2020 agenda as written.

Approval of Public Minutes - Ms. Hornbuckle, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Fitz and Ms. Gray Sheffield voted to approve the public minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting as written.

Approval of Closed Minutes - Ms. Gray Sheffield made a motion, supported by Ms. Hornbuckle, to approve the closed minutes from the June 25, 2020 meeting. The motion carried.

Public Comment - None.

Staff Report - Mr. McCurtis, the Manger for the Division of Victim Services, said that the Crime Victim Services Commission phone number does not need to be changed until August 2021. When the phone number is changed, the public will be able to call either the old or the new phone number. A media plan is currently being worked out for the phone number transition.

The COVID pandemic has made it impossible to hold one on one mass casualty trainings. Ms. Rogers helped put together two webinars on mass casualty response for the Michigan Sherriff's Association advocates. These webinars are available on the Michigan Victim Advocacy Network (MiVAN) website. After the Michigan Sheriff's Association advocates provide feedback as a focus group, the webinars will then be sent to the prosecuting attorney and VOCA offices.

Mr. McCurtis said the compensation program is working together with HTC and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) to update the claims management system. The completion date is set for December 11, 2020. Meetings are held on a regular basis to develop better software for the compensation team.

Mr. McCurtis discussed the Michigan Victim Information Notification Everyday (MI-VINE) system website. MI-VINE allows victims to register to receive notifications on their offender's work events or jail transfers. About 120 people attended a training on an enhanced MI-VINE system that can be used with mobile phones and is more user friendly.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business -

A. Appeals - None.

The Commissioner members agreed to go into a closed session for the appeals portion of the meeting.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2020.

Ms. Gray Sheffield made a motion, supported by Ms. Hornbuckle, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.